GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Setting up of Cold Storage and Fish Processing Units
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps taken by the Government to encourage fisheries in the coastal regions of the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any scheme with the Government that supports setting up of cold storage and fish processing units, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any incentives are given by the Government to fishermen for purchase of boats, engines etc., if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the total fish production in Andhra Pradesh along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure that sustainable fishing practices are followed by fishermen throughout the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has been implementing a Central Plan Scheme 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' to encourage fisheries development in various States/Union Territories including Andhra Pradesh. The steps taken for encouraging fisheries development include (i) providing of financial assistance under the plan scheme, (ii) intensification of aquaculture practices, (iii) introduction of diversified fish species, (iv) utilization of open water bodies for cage culture and pen culture, (v) establishment of fish hatcheries and brood banks, (vi) promotion of mariculture, (vii) promotion of capture fisheries both the marine and inland sectors, and (viii) development of post harvest infrastructure and cold chain.

(b) Yes, Madam. The DADF under the central plan scheme provides financial assistance for setting up ice plants, cold storages & ice plants-cum-cold storages. Besides, central financial assistance is also provided for integrated cold chain development covering, pre-processing, processing of fish, fish transportation, retail outlets, moveable fish markets and kiosks.

(c) Yes, Madam. The DADF under the central plan scheme provides financial assistance for (i) procurement of Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) boats upto 10m size including nets as a replacement of the existing traditional boats and (ii) Motorization of Traditional Craft up to 10HP engine. The central financial assistance for procurement of FRP boats and motorization of traditional craft is restricted respectively to (i) 50% of the unit cost with a ceiling of Rs.2.00 lakh per boat for General States and 100% of the unit cost with a ceiling of Rs.4.00 lakh per boat for UTs and (ii) 50% of the unit cost with a ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- per engine in General States and 100% with a ceiling of Rs.1.20 lakh per engine for UTs. During the financial year 2016-17 the DADF has provided Rs.336.65 lakh for procurement of 159 numbers of FRP boats and Rs.573.40 lakh for motorization of 964 numbers of traditional boats.
(d) The year-wise total fish production in Andhra Pradesh during the past three years including the current year as reported by the State Government are as below :

Sl No.	Year	Fish production (Fish and prawn) in lakhs tonne
1	2013-14	17.68
2	2014-15	19.78
3	2015-16	23.52
4	2016-17 (up to 28-2-2017)	25.09

The major steps taken by the DADF to ensure sustainable fishing practices in the country include the followings:

(i) to provide financial assistance under the CSS to the States/UTs for conducting awareness programmes on conservation & management of fisheries, community outreach programmes on sustainable fishery practices including implementing Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries,

(ii) Imposition of uniform ban on fishing by all fishing vessels in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) beyond territorial waters during the period from 15th April to 14th June on the East Coast and 1st June to 31st July on West Coast every year.

(iii) Conservation and effective management of fishery resources in the EEZ through a 'Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy' in November, 2004.

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